

# THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST ALABAMA

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State Plan for Higher Education  
2003-2004 to 2008-2009  
Institutional Report  
September 21, 2007

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# UWA Vision

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*To be nationally recognized for transforming the Black Belt into a region with an appealing quality of life.*



# About UWA

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Current enrollment:  
4,157

Faculty diversity:  
16.5%

Professional staff  
diversity: 26.7%

Terminally degreed  
faculty: 78%



# About UWA

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Received  
exceptional alumni  
feedback in recent  
survey

Provides full  
residential  
collegiate  
experience

Boasts Alabama's  
first public wireless  
campus

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# Partnerships-College of Education

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NCATE  
accreditation  
"A" from State  
Board of Education  
193 partnership  
schools  
UWA Campus  
School



# Partnerships-AMSTI

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Alabama Math,  
Science and  
Technology  
Initiative Center  
400 K-12 teachers  
in Hale, Marengo  
and Sumter  
counties

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# Partnerships-Outreach Grant

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\$500,000 federal grant

Establish Resource Center

Partner with Health and Wellness  
Education Center

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# Partnerships-Regional Service

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Service learning



Upward Bound



# Industrial & Workforce Development

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Manufacturing  
Training Institute

IRS-sponsored  
Volunteer Income  
Tax Assistance



# Industrial & Workforce Development

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## **Small Business Development Center**

One of Alabama's most active  
Entrepreneurial counseling and training  
programs  
Community Economic Impact Program



# Industrial & Workforce Development

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## **Regional Center for Community and Economic Development**

Serves 20+ counties in Black Belt

Numerous collaborations to improve region's economic climate

Helped secure \$15,000,000 Workforce Innovation in Rural Economic Development (WIRED) grant

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# International Programs

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## Fulbright Scholars

Fulbright in  
Residence

Annual Fulbright  
Lecture Series



## Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellows

Ukraine

Moldova



# Health Care

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## **Alabama Medical Education Consortium (AMEC)**

Born at UWA to provide pipeline for Alabama primary care practitioners

Partnership with 20 Alabama colleges & universities, 8 osteopathic medical schools, 23 core teaching sites



# Health Care

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## Division of Nursing

Top 10% all-time in Alabama for passing  
licensure exam

100% employment rate



# Environmental Programs

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## **Alabama Onsite Wastewater Association Training Center**

Only one in state  
Trains 1,300 people  
each year on  
installation,  
maintenance and  
suitability of  
treatment systems



# Environmental Programs

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## **Blackland Prairie Restoration Project**

Restoring native prairie with controlled burns and seeding

Recognized by National Wildlife Federation



# Environmental Programs

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Progressive Agriculture  
Safety Day

Sumter/Marengo  
Water Festival

Sumter County  
Envirothon

Elementary Science  
Olympiad

West Alabama  
Regional Science Fair

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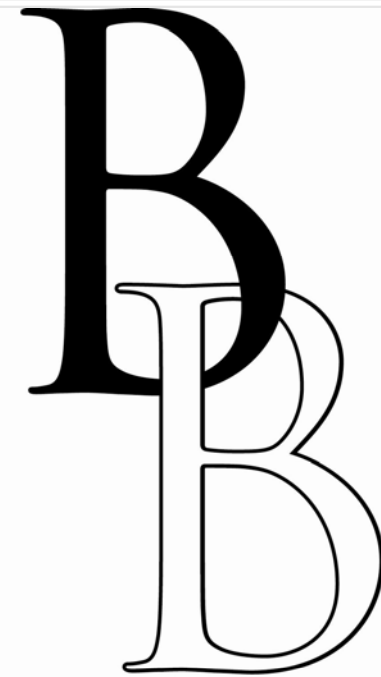
# Historical and Cultural Activities

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## **Center for the Study of the Black Belt**

Established in 2005  
to foster appreciation  
and understanding of  
Alabama's Black Belt  
and regional culture  
Coordinates variety of  
initiatives

Alabama Trust for  
Historical  
Preservation



THE CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF THE  
**BLACK BELT**

# Historical and Cultural Activities

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## **Center for the Study of the Black Belt projects**

National Black Belt  
Heritage Area

Black Belt Symposium  
on History and Culture

UWA Symposium on  
Literature of the Black  
Belt

Black Belt Summer  
Institute

The Sucarnochee Revue



# Historical and Cultural Activities

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## **Center for the Study of the Black Belt projects**

Sucarnochee Folklife  
Festival

Black Belt Museum

Black Belt Garden

Livingston Press

Community Gathering  
for the Arts



# Historical and Cultural Activities

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Partner with  
Sumter County  
Fine Arts Council

Variety of art,  
music and theater  
performances

2,000  
schoolchildren

Outdoor Sculpture  
Exhibition



# Campus Resources

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**Bell Conference Center**-annually hosts community, workforce, health care and governmental meetings



# Capital Campaign

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Seeking to enhance state and federal funding with private donations

\$15 million goal

Facilities, academic enrichment and outreach



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THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST ALABAMA

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